GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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VOLUNTARY RELOCATION OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received a project proposal for voluntary relocation of human settlements in Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary from the State Government of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the current status of the project alongwith the details of the amount sanctioned and released so far; and

(d) the number of tribal and non-tribal families identified so far to be relocated alongwith the cost involved therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (d) Yes Sir.The Ministry of Environment and Forests had received a project proposal from Government of Kerala for the voluntary relocation of 983 families (593 tribal and 390 non-tribal families) in Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary at a cost of Rs.85.00 crores.The Ministry has requested Government of Kerala to modify/ recast the proposal in tune with the revised guidelines of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme-`Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats` for further consideration of the proposal subject to the availability of funds and fulfillment of necessary procedural requirements.The response from the State Government is awaited.